



September 1, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket 05-196

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the Kansas 911 Provider's Association. We are a non-profit association made up of administrators and employees of 911 public safety answering points from across the State of Kansas.

As an Association, we support the FCC's ruling to require interconnected VoIP providers to ensure they are able to deliver accurate location and call back information, to the PSAP, when their customer calls 9-1-1.

The members of the Kansas 911 Provider's Association have struggled for many years to obtain the location and call back information from cellular telephone calls. Many of the members are in the process now of upgrading their PSAP to receive this information from cellular calls. These upgrades have been or are being made, because all of the members recognize the value of the location and callback information to public safety. Now, with the advancement of VoIP, we are all faced with the exact same issues of reduced public safety, in regard to VoIP calls. Failure to obtain the correct location and callback information can literally be a matter of life or death in the event that the caller is disconnected or unable to provide their location.

As provider's of 911 service to the entire State of Kansas, we would respectfully request that the Commission not extend the 120 day deadline for interconnected VoIP providers to provide enhanced 9-1-1 services to their customers. We would further ask the Commission to ensure that any requirements imposed on VoIP providers does not cause undue burden on an individual PSAP's ability to process and dispatch emergency response to a 9-1-1 call. Finally, we would ask that any rules made by the Commission take in to consideration the operational requirements of the current PSAP infrastructure and not impose rules that will require further considerable upgrades or replacement of PSAP equipment.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Kansas 911 Providers Association